

## **17.18.020: LOCATION, BONDING, PHASING, AND LIABILITY FOR TRAILS:**

- A. Location: Where feasible, trails should be separated from vehicle traffic.
- B. Bonding For Trail Improvements: Where trails are required as part of a development project, a security or bond will be posted for the full cost of the trail improvements. This is required prior to the recording of final plats.
- C. Phasing Of Trail Improvements: When trails are part of a phased project, the phasing of various trail segments will follow a logical sequence for trail users. Some trail construction may be required through an entire project to provide completed trail connections at an early phase in the project.
- D. Trail Rights Of Way And Easements: All trails that are open to the public should be located on publicly dedicated property, or dedicated easements for such purposes. There are a variety of mechanisms for this to occur. Public street rights of way and dedicated easements are the most common and acceptable forms of access rights. The trails map provides recommended right of way widths for the various trail types.
- E. Trail Easement Liability: In cases where public easements are dedicated, or lease agreements are negotiated for public use with private landowners, the jurisdiction should assume general liability responsibility in the same manner as assumed for streets and other public areas. (Ord. 2002-04, 3-20-2002)